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# Statues of Abraham Lincoln

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specified "pressure" that made the committee agree to pay the expense of shipping the statue. But they said "shipping," Fitzgerald sent the statue to them by air, and the Cathedral is now offering to pay only that part of the expense equivalent to sea costs. No one would disclose the actual cost.

A spokesman, who says there is nothing different about this transaction than in a dozen or so previous rejections of other Lincoln statues by other artists, would only acknowledge that the committee "did not have the type of budget" to transport around the world tons of bronze it knew in advance it didn't want.

Meanwhile, the bronze head she had sent at first was purchased by a Washington collector, Gilbert Kinney. (Fitzgerald is also represented in Washington by a bronze bust of Ezra Pound at the National Portrait Gallery and a sculpture of the first moon walk, owned but not currently exhibited, by the Air and Space Museum.)

Her friends in town, led by Ellen Barry, widow of playwright Philip Barry ("The Philadelphia Story"), are hoping someone in town will buy the 9-foot statue and perhaps donate it to some other institution, so that it won't have to be sent back.

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*The 9-foot bronze  
statue of Lincoln at  
the National Cathedral:  
"waiting to be crated  
up and sent to  
wherever the artist  
says she wants it."*





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